

REMARKS

A telephone discussion between the Examiner and Dennis Smid (one of the applicants' undersigned attorneys) was held on July 27, 2007. The applicants and Mr. Smid wish to thank the Examiner for his time and consideration for such discussion.

Claims 2-5 and amended claim 1 are in this application.

Claim 2 was allowed.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Schena et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,106,313).

Amended independent claim 1 has been amended herein as discussed during the July 27 discussion. That is, claim 1 now recites in part the following:

"A casing body having a sharp edge formed at a corner of a plurality of sides of the casing body, said casing body further having a small boss positioned such that a user's hand or finger can contact both the sharp edge at the corner and the small boss at the same time . .
." (Emphasis added.)

In discussing the above 102 rejection, the Examiner appears to assert that controller 37 of Fig. 1c of Schena discloses the features of claim 1. It is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is distinguishable from Schena as applied by the Examiner. For example, claim 1 now recites a sharp edge "formed at a corner of a plurality of sides of the casing body" and that a small boss is positioned "such that a user's hand or finger can contact both the sharp edge at the corner and the small boss at the same time." As discussed during the July 27 discussion, the portion of the controller 37 identified by the Examiner as

being sharp edges are not "formed at a corner of a plurality of sides" as in claim 1.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the above 102 rejection of claim 1 be withdrawn.

Claims 3-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Langford (U.S. 6,925,315).

As discussed during the July 27 discussion, independent claim 3 recites in part the following:

"a front surface panel having a number of sides and arranged at one end of the main body such that a sharp edge is formed at a corner thereof; and

a boss located near the corner"
(Emphasis added.)

Examples of the above features of claim 3 are illustrated in Figs. 1A, 1B, or 6 of the present application.

As discussed during the July 27 discussion, it is respectfully submitted that Langford as applied by the Examiner does not appear to disclose the above features of claim 3. For example, in explaining the above 102 rejection with regard to claim 3, the Examiner appears to assert that the lower right portion of cell phone 1 shown in Fig. 1 of Langford is a boss at a corner. (See page 4 of the present Office Action.) It is believed that such portion of Langford merely illustrates one of the "finger grooves 2" (see lines 47-48 of column 6 of Langford) and is not "a boss located near the corner" as in claim 3.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the above 102 rejection of claim 3 be withdrawn.

Claims 4 and 5 are dependent from independent claim 3. Accordingly, it is also respectfully submitted that dependent

claims 4 and 5 are distinguishable from Langford as applied by the Examiner for at least the reasons previously described.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejections of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional rejections which the Examiner might have.

If there are any charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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